



# California Trail News

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## HIGHLIGHTS

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- Reauthorizing of [Federal transportation funding](#) for trails. Transportation funding has been extended until March, 2012.
  - A draft of the [San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resources Study and Environmental Assessment](#) has just been released for public review and comment.
  - The National Trails Training Partnership is conducting research on training needs and satisfaction. The goal is to improve the quality and availability of trail-related skills. American Trails is conducting the online survey and will be compiling and interpreting the data. Please help with this research by taking the [online survey](#).
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### Events

- The [27th California Trails & Greenways Conference](#) theme is Navigating Radical Change -- The New Normal. Join an estimated 500 trail professionals and advocates to explore the challenges facing trails and public lands, what's known about the trends affecting those challenges, and how to pursue solutions while preserving the integrity of our precious resources. Explore innovative approaches and new collaborations that may inspire your own creative solutions for navigating the path ahead.

## Design and Management Strategies

- [Partnerships](#) try to keep threatened state parks open.
- The newly designed [Model Street Design Manual](#) is now available for download. It was written by national experts in living streets concepts and was funded by the Department of Health and Human Services through the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation. This manual focuses on all users and all modes, seeking to achieve balanced street design that accommodates cars while ensuring that pedestrians, cyclists and transit users can travel safely and comfortably. This manual also incorporates features to make streets lively, beautiful, economically vibrant as well as environmentally sustainable.
- Next Steps on the Lewis S. Eaton Trail River West: The City of Fresno has released the [Fresno West Constraints and Opportunities Executive Summary](#)
- The San Joaquin River Blueway is a mosaic of parks, wildlife refuges, and other publicly accessible places that provides the public an opportunity to explore and enjoy the San Joaquin River from its headwaters to the Delta. Recently, the [San Joaquin River Blueway](#) vision was released.
- The City of San Diego won the 2011 ASLA Landmark Award for the [San Diego River Improvement Project](#).

- The Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC) offers free, public Webinars approximately every other month. [Register](#) for upcoming Webinars or view archived presentations.

## California Recreational Trails System

- [Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail](#): Lodi project would protect nature area, offer new trails
- Congratulations to the grass roots proponents of recreational trails along [the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River](#) as well as the [San Joaquin River Blueway](#). President Obama's America's Great Outdoors initiative recognized these projects to reconnect Americans to the outdoors are of nationwide importance. Click [here](#) to see a map of other selected AGO projects.
- The Interior Department proposes more recreation use for the [San Joaquin River](#).
- The Obama administration has released the [2011 progress report for America's Great Outdoor \(AGO\) initiative](#). The document also highlights the broader goals of AGO for 2012.
- Are you interested in helping the National Park Service map and plan the Anza Trail? A group of Anza Trail partners is forming to assist with testing [MapCollaborator](#) to make it easier for the public to find and enjoy section of the Anza recreation trail. Contact [steven\\_ross@nps.gov](mailto:steven_ross@nps.gov)

## Trails in California

### Advocacy and Education

- Just how hard is this hike you're doing? There are [several factors](#) that determine how difficult a hike will be, and most resources on hiking provide information about each trail that will help you make a decision.

### Employment Opportunities

- LandPaths is looking to hire a [Communications and Outreach Coordinator](#)

- [Sonoma Hiking Trails](#) is an information resource for hiking trails in Sonoma County. With trail maps, links, GPS tracks, and resources on where to go for a day hike on publicly accessible trails.
- Great Treks: [The Foresthill Divide Loop Trail](#)
- Council members and community members alike gathered on the [Sacramento River Parkway](#) at the Le Rivage Hotel trail entrance, to celebrate the first in a series of new signs to officially "brand" the parkway.
- A group of multimedia artists hiked the John Muir Trail and they created [video](#) installations of their experiences. Have a glimpse of their epic journey.
- Eagle Scout helps bikers on trails in [Annadel State Park](#).

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